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## **Scottsdale Leadership announces 2010 Spirit of Community Leadership award recipients**

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. – Scottsdale Leadership, Inc., a nonprofit organization serving Scottsdale and the surrounding community, announced today the recipients of the 2010 Spirit of Community Leadership Awards. The recipients and the awards for which they are being honored are: Betty Drake, Drinkwater Community Leadership; Abbie S. Fink and Hope H. Ozer, Frank W. Hodges Alumni Achievement; Mayo Clinic, Corporate Leadership; and Noelle Rabiah, Youth Leadership.

Award recipients will be honored at the Scottsdale Leadership 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Spirit of Community Leadership Awards Luncheon, sponsored by APS and Scottsdale Insurance, on Friday, Dec. 10, from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. The event is open to the public and will be held at Scottsdale Resort & Conference Center, located at 7700 E. McCormick Pkwy. Tickets are available at [www.scottsdaleleadership.org](http://www.scottsdaleleadership.org).

The Drinkwater Leadership award, presented by Merrill Lynch, commemorates former Scottsdale Mayor Herb Drinkwater's commitment to the City by honoring a member of the community who has made a significant and notable contribution to the greater Scottsdale community. **Betty Drake** is known for her sense of humor, positive energy and has a strong commitment to public service, the arts and culture. Drake has served on the Arizona State Parks Board, Arizona State Lands Task Force, Scottsdale Development Review Board, Scottsdale and Phoenix Planning Commissions, Scottsdale City Council, Scottsdale Public Art Board, Scottsdale Charwomen, Charter 100 President, Board of Trustees for Childsplay, and InFOCUS (Phoenix Art Museum) among others. Drake was instrumental in developing concepts for Pinnacle Peak Park, the Desert Discovery Center and Scottsdale's first public art master plan. Drake helped to make Scottsdale's Hashknife monument a reality.

The Hodges Alumni Achievement award, presented by Prestige Cleaners, commemorates Frank W. Hodges, a graduate of Scottsdale Leadership Class I, by honoring a Scottsdale Leadership alumnus who has and continues to illustrate exemplary community service and humanitarian values. **Abbie S. Fink** is widely known throughout the Valley for her work in public relations, which she naturally carries over to her community service involvement. Fink is a graduate of Scottsdale Leadership Class 17, has served as president of its board and is currently on the organization's Advisory Board. Her community involvement includes president of the Phoenix Chapter of the Public Relations Society of America and Board of Directors of the Boys and Girls Club of Greater Scottsdale where she co-chairs the annual Celebrate Youth Gala and Auction. Fink's stewardship has earned her a number of accolades from organizations such as the City of Phoenix Mayor's Commission on Disability Affairs, Junior League, and YWCA of Metropolitan Phoenix. Fink is vice president and general manager for HMA Public Relations.

Also a recipient of the Hodges Alumni Achievement award is **Hope H. Ozer**, graduate of Scottsdale Leadership Class 3. Ozer has exhibited a tenacious commitment to the community since arriving in the Valley 26 years ago. Ozer founded the Valley Youth Theatre in 1990 and continues to serve as Chair Emeritus on their Board of Directors. She has been the driving force in its continued success. Ozer has held leadership positions in Scottsdale school organizations, district and statewide education arenas; and government appointments including the Maricopa County Planning and Zoning Commission and the Phoenix Arts and Culture Commission. She currently serves on the Arizona Diamondbacks Foundation Board of Directors and is the Chair of the Town of Paradise



Valley Board of Adjustment. Ozer has been honored by Business Volunteers for the Arts, Hon Kachina, and Arizona Woman magazine for her service to the community.

The Corporate Leadership award, presented by Henkel Consumer Goods Inc., honors a company that supports leadership as a key organizational philosophy. Companies eligible for this award encourage employees to become involved in community service, honor humanitarian values, and positively impact the community through leadership and financial support. **Mayo Clinic** has been a leader in Arizona's medical community since opening in Scottsdale in 1987. Mayo Clinic partners with numerous organizations to sustain and enhance the communities where its employees live and work. Employees serve on multiple civic and not-for-profit community boards and commissions. In 2009 Mayo Clinic physicians provided approximately \$28 million in charity care. In Scottsdale, Mayo Clinic supports Community Celebrating Diversity, Scottsdale Area Chamber of Commerce, Scottsdale Leadership and TGen Clinical Research. In addition, employees volunteer to help the underprivileged at St. Vincent de Paul Medical and Dental Clinics, East Valley Men's Center, Joshua Tree Food Shelter, Ronald McDonald House, Salvation Army and the Mesa Men's Shelter.

The Youth Leadership award, presented by Scottsdale Active 20-30 Foundation, recognizes a teenager who exhibits leadership skills at school and within the community. **Noelle Rabiah**, a senior at Desert Mountain High School, is vice president and a peer assistant of the Peer Leadership Club. The club is devoted to teaching tolerance and promoting friendships between mainstream students and students with disabilities. She is president of Math Olympiad and treasurer of Key Club and National Art Honor Society. Rabiah is active in the arts, specializing in oil painting, and has had work displayed at Kerr Cultural Center and Northern Trust Bank. She also works part-time as a barista at Tully's Coffee. Rabiah intends to major in chemical engineering at ASU Barrett Honors College in the fall of 2011. She also hopes to participate in the Best Buddies program while at ASU. Rabiah's award includes a \$1500 college scholarship.

**Editor's Note:** Headshots of the 2010 Spirit of Community Leadership Award winners and are available in JPEG format. Please contact Rachel Brockway at (480) 627-6710 or [rbrockway@scottsdaleleadership.org](mailto:rbrockway@scottsdaleleadership.org) if you would like to receive these images for publication purposes.

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Scottsdale Leadership is proud to celebrate 25 years of serving the community through its leadership development and alumni programs. Scottsdale Leadership prepares citizens to take on leadership roles in an ever-changing world. To date more than 800 graduates have been empowered to lead youth, civic, and philanthropic organizations in Scottsdale and throughout Arizona.